

Wester O — 1 — 14 — 1878.

Mr. Wm Lloyd Garrison,

" Dear Sir, Your kind letter, Photo. & R that: was recd. by due course of mail. And, now I regret that I cannot command language, to express my thanks and gratitude to you for this favor. Born and reared in what at that time was the backwoods of Ohio, with little or no advantages for an education I can say What little learning I've obtained, Was all from simple nature drained. — My lot being what politicians call a 'hard fisted farmer'. But whatever amount of influence I may have had in the community and country around me, I feel assured it was directed in favor

of human freedom and the rights
of man, — In early manhood
I voted for Saml Lewis for Gov.
of O. When but one other man
in a precinct of 400 voters did so.
^{the night} When the Emancipation Proclamation
(the consummation of our dearly cherished
hopes and sentiments) took effect I
illuminated my domicile from
vestibule to tower top =

Your picture, fully came
up to my expectation,

How I love to see
those old smooth shaved, Puritanic
Christian faces, And almost despise
an unshaved Border ruffian or
Mahometan faces,

Pardon my vanity, if I enclose
my Photo, to you, And after
a glance, let it drop into the
waste-basket,

And now dear sir, never
expecting the pleasure of a
personal acquaintance, or even
to see you, permit me to wish
you many happy years yet in
this beautiful world, and this land
of civil and universal freedom
which you have contributed largely
to affect,

And when the battles
of life are fought, may there
an entrance be ministered unto you
abundantly into the everlasting
kingdom of our Lord and Saviour.

Fraternally yours,

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Albert M. Laddem

